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A U.S. federal judge has blocked the Pentagon from transferring a Guantanamo detainee to Tunisia, where he faces torture.

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A Catholic priest accused in a series of deaths and kidnappings during Argentina's Dirty War was convicted and sentenced to life in prison Tuesday.

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy said after talks Tuesday with Russian President Vladimir Putin that the two countries had bridged some of their differences over how the world should respond to Iran's nuclear activities.

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TAs missing from popular program

Ashley Zuelke
MONTANA KAIMIN

Each semester, hundreds of University of Montana students take Native American studies courses from only a handful of faculty members.

About 800 students take history, anthropology, and literature classes from the Native American Studies department's eight faculty members, said NAS Department Chair Wade Davies.

Introductory Native American

Studies classes are almost always "overfull," Davies said, and upward of 200 students can be in each section.

Students must rely primarily on their professor, because there are few NAS teaching assistants.

Davies said NAS 100 is a "successful" class because of its popularity. But the absence of TAs makes the course difficult for professors and students alike.

When he taught the class a couple of years ago, Davies said it was hard to be available and pre-

pare the 400 students in his two sections before tests.

"I'd want to be there [for students] like you're supposed to," he said.

Because the department doesn't have a graduate program, most Native American Studies TAs are interdisciplinary studies graduate students.

Barbara Henderson, the academic adviser for the NAS department, said she receives frequent phone calls from students asking how they can pursue a graduate

degree in Native American Studies.

"I have to tell them the only option (here) is interdisciplinary studies," she said. Graduate students in that subject can have an emphasis in Native American Studies.

Or, Henderson said, students have the option of applying to the graduate NAS program at Montana State University. MSU offers a Master of Arts in Native American Studies and an NAS

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Freedom to walk



Krista Miller/Montana Kaimin

Fizzah Sajjad, a foreign exchange student from Pakistan, said her favorite thing about America is the freedom to be able to walk to wherever she needs to go because in Pakistan many places are unsafe. Sajjad, a junior who is here for the fall semester, is studying social science, including political science, anthropology and sociology, and wants to use her degree to help Pakistan with social and environmental issues.

Pakistani student notes diversity

Mike Gerrity
MONTANA KAIMIN

Ambling along the Oval sidewalk, Fizzah Sajjad finds joy in the simple freedom of a walk alone.

"I love the feeling of being able to walk outside wherever I want," Sajjad said.

Sajjad, an exchange student from the city of Lahore in the Punjab province of Pakistan, said that women there avoid walking around by themselves outside whenever possible and drive to most places whenever they can.

"Generally it's not very safe. Women aren't very safe walking around on the street," Sajjad said. "If you can't go out walking on the street, it really limits a large part of your life."

Sajjad was one of several stu-

dents from the Middle East to receive a scholarship from the Near East and South Asia Program to come study at the University of Montana for a semester.

Since her arrival, Sajjad said that the people she has met in Missoula have been generally friendly, but her position as an international student with an increasingly nocturnal study schedule has made meeting new people difficult.

"Sometimes I don't feel like I have a chance to really get to know people here," Sajjad said.

When she gets free time, however, she tries to get out and experience as much American culture as she can. Last Saturday she attended the Griz vs. Eastern Washington football game and was reminded of the enthusiasm

she saw at cricket matches in Pakistan.

"Everybody is so excited about the games here, and over there (in Pakistan), especially against India," Sajjad said. "It's really quite similar, minus all the drunk people."

Political controversy in the country reached a zenith after Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf was re-elected for office last Saturday.

Musharraf, who is also the Chief of Pakistan's Army, seized power in October of 1999 replacing the elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, naming himself the chief executive of Pakistan.

After 85 Pakistani lawmakers resigned on Oct. 2 in an effort to thwart Musharraf from winning the election, the Pakistani Supreme Court is now evaluating

the legality of the turnout before he can be declared the official winner.

Sajjad said she too questions the legality of Musharraf's leadership.

"The Supreme Court is deciding if it's legal or not, and I have reservations about that too. I'm kind of unsure," Sajjad said.

Despite the current election controversy, Sajjad said one good thing about Musharraf's rule was that media regulations in the country were relaxed.

"Before he came, the media was very restricted. There were three channels and two of them were state owned," Sajjad said. "Now there's 50 channels and it's generally free."

Sajjad feels there are some major misconceptions the Western world has about life in her coun-

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EDITORIAL

Protestors in Tehran need support from rest of the world

When Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrived at Columbia University in New York two weeks ago for a speech, he was greeted by protests. When he went to Tehran University this week to give a speech at the start of classes, he received a similar welcome.

But while both groups of were protesting the same man for some of the same reasons and with the same worthy goals, the circumstances were quite different.

The Columbia protesters had no reason to fear that their actions could land them in trouble with their government. Their actions required little effort and minimal risk. Despite what some conspiracy theorists might think, attending a peaceful protest in the United States won't get you an FBI file and a one-way ticket to Guantanamo Bay.

Now, that's not to say that what they were doing was wrong. People should stand up for what they believe in. The First Amendment protects the right to free assembly and if people want to organize for whatever reason, they can. But the Iranian students' protests are on a different level. Protesters in America can do little about a dictator in Iran if the people in Iran are not themselves standing up against him.

These students have legitimate reasons to fear for their safety. Three student activists arrested in May have yet to be released – Monday's protesters called for them to be freed. Iranian-American scholar Haleh Esfandiari was released from jail in August after having been held since May on accusations of spying.

In a country like Iran, protesters have no guarantee that they will be able to keep their freedom and no guarantee that they will get a fair trial.

The American protesters may disagree with the lack of freedom in Iran and they may fear the country's quest to build a nuclear bomb, but they face no immediate consequences for their actions. The Iranians are protesting what they must put up with every day.

Iran's student protesters are hoping to effect change through peaceful means, which, unfortunately is not always possible. But their efforts should be commended and supported throughout the Western world.

People in the United States and Europe need, for one, to do what the people in New York did. They need to stand up against injustice in the world even if it has no immediate impact on them.

If the rulers of the world powers see their citizens objecting to what is happening in Iran, they will continue to push for sanctions. (Which, to their credit, they have been.)

If they see that their people are outraged by what is happening in Sudan, they will keep working toward an end to that conflict.

If they see support for the pro-democracy protesters in Myanmar from within their own populations, they will be strengthened in their resolve to bring free elections to Myanmar.

Iran's student protesters are brave for standing up for what is right. And though it may not be as courageous of an act, the rest of the world should stand with them.



Karl Krempel
News Editor

ASK A HIPPIE:

Movies on campus, PBR off

Dillon Tabish
FOR THE KAIMIN

I'm a pretty peaceful bohemian, but there are a couple things that really crack my pipe.

One is when villagers from a town sharing Dick Cheney's name call me a Ford F-350 driving Taco Bell manager, when in reality I play Keno at Taco Time and drive a 4Runner.

Number two: Every time I walk by the UC Theater I see that another sweet movie is playing for two bucks, but the deal is only good on Friday and Saturday nights.

Why the hell would I want to spend an entire week on campus and then come back on the weekend? Don't get me wrong, I love my school and would defend it against even the most smug of Inland Empire hordes. But after a long week of homework and classes, I need time away from campus to decompress. Not only that, but being the domesticated student that I am, I don't hang out with friends much on weeknight, I wait until the weekend to catch up over a night of hacky-sack.

I took this gripe to someone who might be able to tell me why there can't be just one cheap-seat showing on a weeknight. Lee Clark, program adviser for the UC Theater for the last five years, agreed that a weeknight showing would be nice. However, there are a few pros and cons if they were to do that.

"Just about every night there's something going on in [the UC Theater]," he said. "If we were to put an entertainment movie in, then we would have to drop something a student group was doing."

Sounds like I'm out of luck,



unless some club is planning on showing Star Trek movies anytime soon.

Got a question that only an easy-going hippie can answer? Send an E-mail to ask.hippie@gmail.com with your first name and whether or not you consider yourself a hipster.

Why do all hippies drink Pabst Blue Ribbon?

-Nate, non-hippie

Dude, great question. First off let me point out that all it takes to obtain a six-pack of PBR is a handful of change. That encourages drinkers of all economic backgrounds. As much as I'd like to buy a six-pack of Big Sky IPA every time I drink, I know that by the time I get to the third one it's all gonna taste the same anyhow. PBR is cheap and easy-going, making it, I guess, the hippie of beers.

However, last weekend, I decided I'd better do some hands-on investigative journalism to see how inclusive PBR really is. It wasn't easy. You don't really realize how many bars there are downtown until you've journeyed into them all looking for the majestic Blue Ribbon and its

courageous consumers.

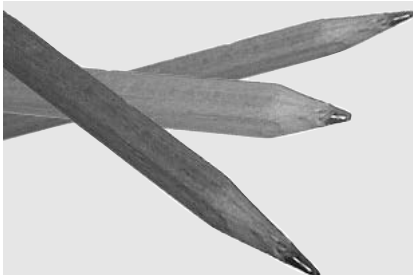
I planned my route like a barhopping paperboy, walking to every spot with rapid succession and then stumbling on. However, as fellow hippies can attest, Pabst beer is like Lay's Potato Chips: You can't have just one. Now that the gnarly haze has cleared, I'm pretty sure my paper route fell apart after the second stop.

Nevertheless, I did discover that hippies aren't alone when it comes to having odd taste in beer. For example, at Red's Bar I saw two smoking-hot babes sipping PBR from frosty mugs. And at my next stop, which I think was the Bodega, there was a group of dudes who I would classify as moderate preppies, or borderline jocks drinking bottles of PBR. I did encounter one burly dude who thought the PBR I was talking about was Pro Bull Riding. I was like "No dude, the beer," and he was like "Oh, that shit's okay I guess." Nice.

Anyhow, my next few stops resulted in more discoveries of PBR drinkers. I also noticed that I had a rumbling stomachache and had lost the feeling in my mouth.

For anyone wondering where Missoula's adoration for PBR comes from, just visit the sacred ground of the Missoula Club. There, a true relic to alcoholism rests. According to keepers of the grail, the oldest running PBR tap in Montana, if not the world, sits behind the bar. Countless people with different beliefs, backgrounds and hair lengths have literally dug into the wooden bar to await the ice-cold freshness of Lake Michigan. That's just one more reason why the Mo Club is the true melting pot of Montana.

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KAIMIN is a Salish word for messages.

Guest column ignorant of heritage

I was quite appalled by Ms. Nitz's lack of knowledge about Montana's trapping laws and heritage in the recent guest column (Thursday, Oct. 4) about her views on the trapping float that won the award for best float for a non-profit organization at the UM Homecoming.

It is quite obvious to me that Ms. Nitz didn't take the time to actually read the regulations that surround trapping in Montana. Unlike what Ms. Nitz had to say, "Trappers in Montana aren't required to check their trap lines in any given time interval..." The exact opposite is true. Trappers are required to check their trap lines. As stated in the 2007 Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Trapping regulations manual, trappers are required to do the following, "Traps should be checked at least once every 48 hours. It is the trappers' responsibility to check his/her traps regularly. Failure to pick up traps or snares at the end of the trapping season or attending them in a manner that wastes animals constitutes a misdemeanor per MCA 87-3-506." That being said, any ethical trapper who runs his/her trap line checks their traps on a regular basis. Nitz states that "A suffering, terrified animal who isn't fortunate enough to die quickly is at the mercy of the trapper to show up and bludgeon him or her to end the agony." Any trap-

per, who is ethical, responsible and is following Montana state law, will quickly and efficiently dispatch any animals that are not killed by the trap or snare. By dispatching the animal they will not bludgeon the animal to death because that would be a waste of the meat provided by the animal, which would be against the law.

I don't know where Ms. Nitz is getting her statistics for "high-profile companion dog deaths" but as a trapper and responsible dog owner, what I do know is it just doesn't happen. Any dog that wanders into a trap is quite easy to free. Also, any dog wandering farther than the legal distance required for a trapper to place his traps is not legal at all. The dog owner, who lets their pet run more than 50 feet off of any public trail or road, where trapping is legal, is breaking the law. That law just in case Ms. Nitz forgot, is the leash law. (Fifty feet is the legal distance required by a trapper, set by the state, as the closest he/she can set their trap lines to a public hiking trail or road. Most animals that are fur bearing don't make homes or trails any where near a public trail or road.) This is not to say that I think that it is humane for a pet or dog to get itself in a trap, but if the dog owner is responsible, then it wouldn't be there in the first place. Any public area that is open for trapping is clearly

marked. Also most people would not occupy most of the areas open for trapping during trapping season anyway.

Again, I find another obvious thing that Ms. Nitz knows nothing about Montana's rich trapping heritage. Montana was founded by people both native and non-native that subsided themselves on game and furs. Game that some of which was taken with traps. Ms. Nitz also probably doesn't know that a good portion of the meat that is obtained by trappers (and hunters as well) gets donated to homeless shelters and livestock or pet feed manufactures. Not to mention the fact that trapping also provides a source of natural castor oil which is used to produce perfumes and colognes among other things. Let's not forget to mention that yes people do still make money on fur, money that in Montana can be hard to come by for some folks in the winter.

So as a tribute to the Montana Trappers Association, I encourage people to buy fur products and wear them to campus with pride. Thanks for supporting trappers in Montana.

Joseph Gill
sophomore, forestry

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 - 18 Bracket shapes
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 - 23 Before, formerly
 - 24 Hog haven
 - 25 ___culottes
 - 26 Hit the slopes
 - 27 Partner in crime, perhaps
 - 31 Brought to you (by)
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 - 36 Place of great activity
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 - 55 Of the Far East
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 - 58 Begin moving
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 - 63 Yertle the Turtle's creator
 - 64 Pre-owned
 - 65 Fish story

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Bill West, project leader for the National Bison Range, and long-time co-workers Skip Palmer and Loren Clary bring down the third round of bison in Tuesday's round-up.

WHERE THE BISON ROAM

Yearly bison corral is a delicate dance

STORY BY MARK PAGE

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ELLIS

The fog was thick on Tuesday morning as four cowboys rode out onto the National Bison Range to chase bison out of a herd and into pens.

“Hey-ha. Hey-ha. Hey-ya,” the cowboys shouted.

That was the only sound until, suddenly, the ground thundered with hoof beats. Seconds later, about 20 bison slammed into the walls lining the outside of the pen.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service corrals approximately

350 bison each spring to check their health, tag young calves with microchips and brands, and monitor genetic diversity. Most years, to keep the population at a healthy level, a varying number of bison are donated to other reserves or sold for slaughter.

“We usually decrease the size of the herd but this year we don’t have to,” said Pat Jamieson, the refuge’s outdoor recreation planner. “We have to take care of our habitat.”

Because few bison were born last spring, none will leave the refuge this roundup. Jamieson attributes this to last year’s dry weather.

“This summer we actually had them in two pastures ‘cause the water got so low,” she said. “The springs were refilling, but they just weren’t refilling fast enough.”

The range celebrates its 100-year anniversary next year. Theodore Roosevelt signed the

law creating the National Bison Range, and the American Bison Society got it started in 1908 under the leadership of William Hornaday. It was the first land purchased by the federal government for the sole purpose of a wildlife refuge.

Trained Fish and Wildlife employees herd the bison into an initial pen, where calves are separated from adults.

The horses used for the roundup are specially selected for herding bison. Generally they are large and don’t scare as easily as some horses, though they still must be alert for their safety and that of the rider.

“Horses that chase bison are not horses that chase cows,” Jamieson said. “A good cow pony will stick to the herd, bison horses will veer away.”

Some horses just freak out at the sight of a bison, Jamieson said.

The riders have to be able to handle the horses expertly. Bison are much more agile than horses and cows, they will duck and dash everywhere trying to escape the corrals.

When the first herd slammed into the gates at about 8:30 a.m., that’s exactly what happened. The majority of the pack ran straight into the pen, obeying the herd mentality. But others stopped outside, leaving no way to get them into the pen.

“These big bulls, they know they don’t have to run,” Jamieson said.

The rebellious bulls turned on

the horsemen, making it their turn to run. After a few unsuccessful shouts trying to get them moving again, the bison charged the horses. The cowboys scattered quickly to avoid injury.

No one has been injured during the roundup in recent memory but Jamieson said once, over 40 years ago, a bison hooked a rider and his horse, picked them both up and tossed them aside. Both animal and rider survived.

A few very big, very temperamental bulls were in the first morning run, some weighing about 2,000 pounds. The biggest bison Jamieson saw weighed at the refuge was over 2,300 pounds.

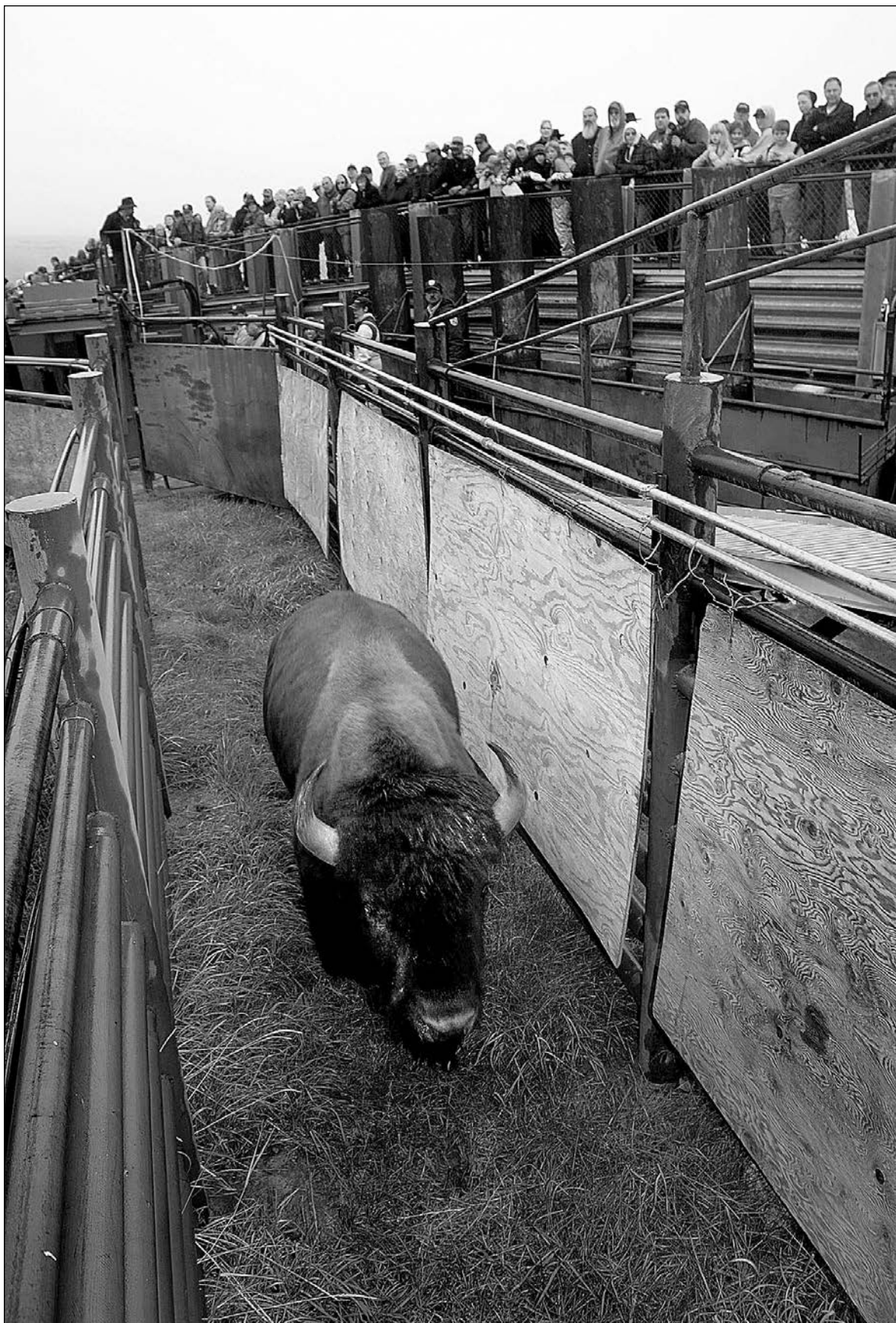
Because of their size, the pens and trailers used to haul the bison must be designed to take a thrashing. The bulls are moved around with long poles and “hot shots,” a stick with an electric zapper on the end. The bison don’t take well to the treatment.

The sound of horns smashing into the corrugated metal walls and hooves furiously stamping the ground is a constant sound around the complex.

Recently, a controversy arose around when officials discussed decreasing the number of bison on the range. This prompted the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Rep. Denny Rehberg, and Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester to voice concern. Congressional representatives sent letters to the Department of the Interior, which oversees the



Skip Palmer has not only worked at the National Bison Range for 16 years but he has been hanging around since he was young, and can remember eating dinner in the old slaughterhouse.



Fish and Wildlife Service, saying the range is the “crown jewel” of the wildlife refuge system.

Refuge Manager Bill West said this was a simple miscommunication between the tribe and the Fish and Wildlife Service. The herd will maintain the same approximate level, with slight decreases possible for the future. The decreases will not be permanent, he said.

“This came from a meeting where a new supervisor went to talk to the tribe and took nobody from the range,” West said. “Must have been a miscommunication.”

Another controversy surfaced last year over how the range would be operated after a shared management agreement between the CSKT and the Fish and Wildlife Services expired. The agreement, which began on March 15, 2005, ended on Dec. 11. No new agreement has been reached.

Members of the tribe worked at the roundup, but as individuals, not as tribal representatives, Jamieson said.

The roundup will continue through Wednesday, as Fish and Wildlife employees wrangle the last of the bison into the pens to be weighed, checked, tagged and released.



ABOVE: A bison calf waits to be examined for health problems, receive identification tags and be branded with the number 7 that represents 2007, the year the animal was born.

TOP LEFT: Haley Clairmont, a junior at Ronan High School, spent Tuesday directing traffic and parking cars on her Appaloosa mare at the round-up.

TOP RIGHT: A bison is released back into the refuge after being held in the Squeeze Chute, a mechanism used to hold the animals during examination. The squeeze chute helps make the examination process safe for everyone.

BOTTOM LEFT: Bill West dismounts his horse as he opens the gate for fellow Bison Range workers at Tuesday's round-up.

Republicans debate taxes

Liz Sidoti

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DEARBORN, Mich. — Republican presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani quarreled over tax and spending cuts Tuesday, each claiming greater commitment than the other in a debate in the nation's struggling manufacturing heartland.

The government "is spending money of future generations and those yet to be born," added Fred Thompson, making his debut on a debate stage after a late entry into the race. He said future retirees should receive smaller Social Security benefits than they have been promised.

After months of polite debate sparring, Giuliani and Romney squared off without hesitation, a reflection of their struggle for primacy in the race for their party's presidential nomination.

"I cut taxes 23 times. I believe in tax cuts," said Giuliani, former mayor of New York and leader in national Republican polls.

Romney initially conceded that,

but quickly criticized his rival for once filing a court challenge to a law that gave President Clinton the right to veto spending items line by line. "I'm in favor of the line-item veto," he said, adding he exercised it 844 times while governor of Massachusetts.

Romney also said that while mayor, Giuliani "fought to keep the commuter tax, which is a very substantial tax ... on consumers coming into New York."

The former governor leads his rivals in the polls in Iowa, where caucuses will be the first contest of the campaign, and he and Giuliani are in a close race in surveys in New Hampshire, the leadoff primary state.

Giuliani responded that spending fell in New York while he was mayor, and rose in Massachusetts while Romney was governor.

"The point is that you've got to control taxes. I did it, he didn't ... I led, he lagged."

"It's baloney," retorted Romney. "I did not increase taxes in Massachusetts. I lowered taxes."

Autumn cleaning



Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

Missoula business owner Jennifer Kuehn takes advantage of the warm weather to clean the plant beds in front of her business, Hunting and Gathering for the Home, on South Higgins Tuesday afternoon. "I had some pretty specific specifications, so I decided to do it myself," Kuehn said.

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minor.

UM has more than 500 students enrolled who "identify themselves as Native American," Henderson said, adding that about half that many American Indian students attend MSU.

Mistee Ridesatthedoor, a senior Native American studies major, said she would "more than likely" go into a NAS graduate program if UM had one after she graduates this May. But instead, she said, she will go to law school.

Most of her NAS courses "steered" her into law, she said.

Other students shouldn't underestimate the Native American studies program, Ridesatthedoor said.

"A lot of people assume that it's

easy," she said, "there's tons of reading, writing and research."

She said the other senior NAS majors hoping to obtain a graduate degree talk about pursuing a master's in interdisciplinary studies.

Davies said limited faculty and resources, as well as the popularity of NAS courses on campus, make it hard to start a graduate program.

"Personally, I think there's a good demand for [a graduate program]," he said.

Because teaching assistants are paid, it's like a scholarship for them, Davies said. To start a graduate program the NAS department would need additional funding from UM to compensate TAs.

A Native American studies graduate program is just an idea now, Davies said. He added that many faculty members support the idea, but it's by no means offi-

cial.

"It's not something we want to do without carefully thinking," Davies said.

Advising graduate students on their theses is a big commitment, and Davies said he wouldn't want the program to affect undergraduate NAS students' experiences.

This semester about 40 students are majoring in Native American studies, Henderson said. She estimated about 30 to 35 students have declared an NAS minor.

The NAS department was established in 1996, "but NAS has been a part of UM for a very long time," Davies said.

Several departments require an NAS course to graduate, and NAS 100 is the No. 1 class to entice students to become NAS majors.

Henderson said, "They (students) take one class and they're hooked."

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try, particularly when it comes to the Western media's focus on political and religious violence there.

"You never get to see the human side," Sajjad said. "People over there on an average basis are not so violent. They're not fanatics."

Though the developing economy is feeding a steadily growing middle class in Pakistan, she said poverty is still a major issue,

especially in her city of Lahore, which has a population nearing 9 million people.

"They're generally concerned about how they are going to eat the next day, about the economy," Sajjad said.

After she graduates next year with a major in social science, Sajjad said she hopes to do something good for Pakistan with everything she has learned.

One area she would like to help improve is the high rate of domestic abuse against women in Pakistan, a large percentage of which are intentionally burned by their husbands or family members for reasons of family honor.

"There's a lot of girls who are burn victims," Sajjad said. "It needs a lot of women's programs. Those girls don't have any outlets to escape that."

Most of all, Sajjad said she wants to be able to tell her family and friends at home about the diversity she has found here, something she said exists in every country and requires only a little insight to see and appreciate.

"When I go back, I'll tell them about the different kinds of people I met," Sajjad said. "In every single country there is so much diversity ... I think it's important to try and see everything from other people's perspectives as well as your own."

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Ten-minute play submissions open to Missoula public

Ryan Thompson
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Aspiring Shakespeares and Spielbergs on campus will have the chance to debut their work during the upcoming Ten-Minute Play Festival, a student-run production that is now accepting submissions.

The Ten-Minute Play Festival will take place on Nov. 29 and 30, and Dec. 1 in the Masquer Theatre. The festival is entirely student produced, showcasing the work of University of Montana students and, for the first time, Missoula community members.

"It's an opportunity for entirely new works that have never been published and seen before," said Tim Wicks, a UM drama major. Wicks is producing the festival alongside fellow senior and drama major Alysha Oravetz, who has produced the event for the past three consecutive semesters.

Submissions to the festival can be anything from comedy to drama, Oravetz said. Simple, well-written work is the most effective, she added. Playwrights and actors must make do with their talent and dialogue instead of expensive costumes and props. "It's free, which is awesome. That means there's really no budget," Wicks said. "This is

really guerrilla theater at its finest."

Oravetz said that while only plays written by UM students were accepted in past years, the festival now allows any Missoula resident to submit work.

"I was hoping that the writing gets opened up to people in the community so that it's a mixture of older and younger writers," Oravetz said. "It's better to work with a variety of people."

Those with no interest in playwriting can still participate in the festival by auditioning for a play. Auditions will be held Oct. 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Schreiber Gymnasium. No prepared monologues or formal presentations are required for the auditions, Oravetz said.

"We'd like that (prepared monologues), that's the standard," she said. "But if you just want to go in there and talk about yourself, tell a story ... express your personality, it doesn't matter."

Being entertaining is the key to auditioning, Oravetz said. A dose of humor doesn't hurt either.

"I've seen some really funny two-minute auditions," Oravetz said. "People just have fun. We want to be entertained, but we're not professors."

"It's a good opportunity for someone who doesn't have a lot

of resources or money," said Jack Arcand, a media arts and fine arts major who debuted a stand-up-comedy-style piece during last year's festival.

Arcand enjoyed the festival enough to submit another play this year.

"Probably the best part about it was hearing the audience reaction," he said.

"It's really exciting for students to see their work," said Randy Bolton, a UM drama performance and playwriting professor.

The festival also acts as training for the real world that aspiring playwrights will face, giving them experience in presenting a play, Bolton said.

All scripts can be turned in to administrative associate Erin McDaniel's office in the PAR-TV building room 196. Play submissions for the event are due on Oct. 15.

"I think it's very empowering for students to work on producing and directing their own work," McDaniel said. "It's a very organic, student-run event."

Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

At right, Tim Wicks and Alysha Oravetz, both senior drama majors, sit outside the PAR-TV building Tuesday. The two are co-producers of the ten-minute play festival, which runs for two hours each day on November 29, 30 and December 1. All can participate in the festival.



New PJ Harvey album more love, less hate

Dana smoked cigarettes on school grounds and her skirts were shorter than the cheerleaders'. She spoke to no one. In the middle of my senior year, I found her in the bathroom crying with a bottle of Lewis and Clark Vodka in her hand. I spent the next hour driving around in my Jeep listening to Dana's tales from a failed relationship with an older guy who worked at a video store.

Polly Jean Harvey and I just took that same drive.

Harvey's first seven albums left me in awe. With lyrics like "Shame is the shadow of love" and my breakup anthem, "Better wash that man right out of my hair," I've come to idolize Harvey as the Debbie Harry of our generation. PJ and her electric guitar – ever cool, always untouchable.

So when *White Chalk* came to my ears, I was floored. After all these years, Harvey has finally shown her soft side.

The instrument switch may be to thank. Harvey's skill on the piano is nowhere near the level to which the electric guitar took her; but the piano changed the way she writes and sings. Rough chants of "Who the fuck do you think you are" (*Uh Huh Her*, 2004) are replaced with "Oh God I miss

you," on "The Piano" (*White Chalk*, 2007).

I am aware that many will think the album is weak or too soft. The truth is, the English lady channeled some serious Jane Austen when writing her 8th album. It's introspective. It's eerie. It's emotional, yet unruffled. Harvey stays in the upper octaves throughout the new album, as well. This creates not only the perfect backdrop for a creepy Halloween party, but also – when mixed with pounding ivory keys – an emptiness that sends chills up the spine.

The first single from the album is "When Under Ether." Harvey displays an optimism that is rare in past albums: "I lay on the bed waist down, undressed, look up at the ceiling feeling happiness." The song then transitions to the subject of "human kindness," a far cry from seven albums bashing the complications of love.

It's nice to see the eyes behind the glasses, but when the stone princess lets the world see what's inside, a little awe is lost. Luckily for Harvey, it's replaced with admiration for talent and the guts to evolve.

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Oriana Turley
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There's always a chance a bicyclist without a light on their bike will get a ticket after dusk, but from Oct. 22 to the Oct. 26 they will have to watch out even more.

"A person riding without a light can get a ticket any time after dark," said Phil Smith, the bicycle pedestrian program manager for the city of Missoula. "It's illegal all the time."

Every fall for the last eight years Missoula Police and Campus Safety have organized a push for bike-light safety by putting an emphasis on ticketing those without lights after dark.

"This week and next we're just putting up information, just trying to get the word out that bike lights are really important and legally required," Smith said.

Smith said officers will begin leaving notes on bikes without lights and posting signs about bike-light laws this week.

The crackdown begins on

Monday, Oct. 22.

The fall crackdown started because the bicycle pedestrian program and the Missoula police received complaints about near collisions between cars and bikes.

Smith said that shorter days and accidents, such as last spring when a 14-year-old boy was killed because a driver wasn't able to see him, are also factors in the annual crackdown.

"We just feel it's an ongoing important safety issue in Missoula," Smith said. "We're in the business of trying to prevent crashes."

The bicycle law in Missoula states that every bicycle must have a white light on the front that can be seen from 500 feet away and a reflector on the back. But Smith suggests that Missoula residents take it one step further by adding a red flashing light to the back of their bikes.

"It's just not smart to just have a reflector. I don't think anyone wants to get run over by a car from behind," he said.

FEATHERED FORAGER



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Attracted to ripened berries on the ground outside of Mansfield Library, a robin waits in a tree for the right moment to dive down for its autumn snack.

Report alleges misconduct in immigration rally beatings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Police Department report Tuesday blamed its own policies, training and commanders for fueling a club-swinging melee at an immigration rally in which police beat demonstrators and reporters to the ground.

The 90-page report represented an unusually critical look inward for a department that has faced numerous accusations of misconduct over the years, particularly from minorities, and charges that it first and foremost protects its own.

No one was critically hurt at the May 1 clash at MacArthur Park near downtown, but images of baton-wielding officers pummeling people played repeatedly on newscasts, creating a public relations disaster and leading to lawsuits and several investigations.

The report depicted a scene of virtual chaos in which poorly trained officers were taking directions from commanders who didn't recognize the seriousness of what was unfolding and failed to communicate among themselves.

The findings were presented to the Police Commission, the panel that serves as the department's civilian board of directors. Its president, Anthony Pacheco, warned that "my fellow commissioners and I will hold the department accountable for any misconduct that occurred."

More than two dozen officers are under investigation and could face discipline for using excessive force.

At a news conference at City Hall, Chief William Bratton apologized for the department's actions.

"This is an event that I deeply regret," Bratton said. "I accept full responsibility for it because it occurred on my watch. My apologies to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department and to the public."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called the report a first step. He said he agreed with Bratton that "what happened was wrong and we are determined to make it right."

The report included a host of recommendations to improve police operations, including reviewing crowd-control policies each year. Some questioned whether it went far enough.

"We did not hear the measures that will be taken to guarantee that it will not happen again and, therefore, the report is incomplete," said Angela Sanbrano, president of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities, an advocacy group.

The report echoed previous disclosures by Bratton. According to police accounts, the clash broke out after "agitators" showered police with rocks, chunks of concrete and bottles. Bratton has faulted a breakdown in police command for escalating the conflict, in which officers used batons and fired dozens of bean bags, sponges and other "non-lethal" projectiles to disperse a crowd of demonstrators and journalists.

Beyond the poor planning and tactics used by police, some actions by officers "appeared to be unjustified," the report said. It questioned not only the use of force but "why didn't other officers ... intervene."

Since the melee, there has been a staff shake-up at the Police Department. Deputy Chief Caylor "Lee" Carter was demoted and retired. Several investigations are under way. The city is facing hundreds of lawsuits stemming from the melee.

The district attorney's office said in a statement Tuesday that an investigation by its Justice System Integrity Division remains open. "Once all evidence is received, the case will be reviewed to determine whether criminal charges are warranted," it said.

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UM athletes boast high graduation rates

Bill Oram
MONTANA KAIMIN

Who said all jocks are meat-heads?

Student-athletes that enrolled at the University of Montana between 1997 and 2000 graduated at a rate considerably higher than average students, a study released last week by the NCAA revealed.

According to the NCAA's graduation success rate, in that period, every one of UM's 10 NCAA sports graduated more than 50 percent of its athletes. By comparison, six-year graduation rates of all entering freshmen hovered around 44 percent in those years.

Jean Gee, the head athletics administrator for academics, said the high graduation rate is a by-product of the department's philosophy on education.

"I don't know if I can use a

word that stresses how important it (academics) is because that's what we're all here for, and our coaches all take that very seriously," she said.

According to the report – which said of the Division I athletes that enrolled from 1997 to 2000, 77 percent graduated – all of UM's sports except men's and women's track and cross country were either higher than, or very near the national averages.

In the Big Sky Conference, Montana competes on a stage much smaller than many of the other 317 Division I programs in the study, which doesn't give many athletes opportunities to turn professional before graduating, Gee said.

A scholarship fund to cover tuition and fees for a fifth year of school is available for athletes who have used up their eligibility,

Gee said.

The Grizzlies' two highest profile sports, football and basketball, had graduation rates of 71 percent and 67 percent. According to the report, 91 percent of Lady Griz basketball players graduated in that time frame, as opposed to 81 percent of women's basketball players nationally.

"From my standpoint, one of the main points of emphasis with our players is you're in college, go to college," Griz football head coach Bobby Hauck said. "Take advantage of an opportunity to get a degree. Football's going to end, we're here to get our degrees as well as play football." Hauck pointed to senior Van Cooper Jr. as an example. Cooper is a fifth-year senior who has already earned a degree in sociology.

Rival Montana State didn't fare

as well with basketball and football, producing rates of 50 and 49 percent.

Men's basketball head coach Wayne Tinkle said high graduation rates start with recruiting for the Griz.

"The kind of effort you see they put forth in the classroom, we know they're going to do the same thing on the playing field," Tinkle said. "That's what we first try to identify when we're recruiting student-athletes."

Track and field numbers were lower because there is less scholarship money available, head coach Tom Raunig said.

The men's and women's programs are each granted 12.6 scholarships, which are divided among the athletes, he said. There are typically around 40 athletes on each team.

The partial scholarships help,

Raunig said, but aren't necessarily enough to keep all of the athletes in school.

"Some of them decide they might go flip burgers or something and they can make more money doing that," Raunig said. "They're more like your average student."

Dr. James Lopach, faculty representative for athletics, was sick Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

The report included another rate, which uses a federally mandated formula. It was lower for each of the sports. Gee said it was because the federal rate counts players that transfer out as non-graduates, regardless of whether they earn a degree from another school. The NCAA's graduation success rate doesn't count transfers either way.

Texas Tech students pull tasteless Vick T-shirt

LUBOCK, Texaas (AP) – Texas Tech has banned the sale of a T-shirt bearing the likeness of Michael Vick hanging the dog mascot of rival Texas A&M.

The red and black shirts, with text that says "VICK 'EM" on the front in an apparent reference to the Aggies' slogan "Gig 'em," was created by a Tech student who was trying to sell them before Saturday's game in Lubbock.

The back of the shirt shows a football player wearing the No. 7 Vick jersey holding a rope with

an image of the mascot Reveille at the end of a noose. Vick, who faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to federal dog fighting charges, is suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

Tech school and athletic officials met Tuesday morning to discuss other possible action but did not immediately announce additional measures to be taken. A&M officials, in a statement, thanked Tech administrators for their "response and action regarding this matter."

The creator of the shirt,

Geoffrey Candia, declined to comment in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday. He said he might make a statement after meeting with the dean of students Tuesday.

He told The Battalion, A&M's newspaper, for Tuesday's editions that the university prohibited sale of the shirts on campus through his fraternity. He said he originally had wanted to give 50 percent of the proceeds to an animal defense league in Lubbock "because we know there would be a controversy about the shirts,

you know, animal rights, stuff like that."

Candia told the newspaper about 300 had been sold. He had hoped 500 would be sold before Saturday's game.

The controversy comes about 2 months after Gerald Myers, Tech's athletic director, announced a campaign to promote good sportsmanship across the campus and at athletic events. The words used in the effort are honor, respect, pride and tradition.

"You can't make light of a sit-

uation like that," Tech media relations spokesman Chris Cook said. "That is in poor taste and poor judgment."

Robyn Katz, president of Tech's chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, said her organization "wouldn't take a dime" from Candia.

"If he really wanted to help promote anti-animal cruelty than he would donate time at a no-kill shelter," she said. "He's really doing the Tech community a disservice. There's plenty of other ways to promote a rivalry."

Torre waiting for word on his future with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) – Tick tock, tick tock.

The wait is on for Joe Torre and his Yankees players, a fiercely loyal bunch.

Nearly everyone in New York wanted to know Tuesday whether owner George Steinbrenner will keep his longtime manager or let him go after 12 straight playoff appearances.

No answers yet.

"Have some patience. Things take time. There will be a process and we'll work through that, and it will lead us where it leads us," general manager Brian Cashman said. "My speculation is I'm not going to have anything to report in the coming days."

Few players were at Yankee Stadium, a day after their season-ending 6-4 loss to Cleveland, the third straight year New York was eliminated in the first round.

But folks everywhere chimed in and backed Torre, from rival AL managers Terry Francona and Eric Wedge to presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Chien-Ming Wang, Doug Mientkiewicz, Andy Phillips and Jose Molina were among the Yankees who showed up at the ballpark and packed their gear for the long winter. Don Mattingly, mentioned as a possible replacement along with Joe Girardi and Tony La Russa, said succeeding Torre would be difficult.

"It's like following John Wooden or something," Mattingly said. "This guy wins champi-

onship after championship and we're in the playoffs in every year. You know, it's really – it's pretty much a no-win situation for someone coming in here to be able to live up to the expectations or live up to what he did. It's not going to happen. So as far as someone coming in and taking over this job, it's not necessarily a great situation."

Steinbrenner said last weekend he didn't think he'd bring Torre back unless New York rallied to win the first-round series. The 77-year-old owner has not spoken publicly since the Game 4 defeat.

His spokesman, Howard Rubenstein, released a statement Tuesday that said Steinbrenner was heading back home to Tampa, Fla., and would have no comment "at this time."

"There's nothing decided yet," said Hank Steinbrenner, son of the owner and a team senior vice president. "The record speaks for itself, but nothing lasts forever."

The younger Steinbrenner praised Torre for the job he did this year, getting the Yankees into the playoffs after a slow start.

"I really do like Joe a lot," he said. "I have a lot of admiration for him."

Cashman said the club was just beginning its decision-making process and he would soon meet with ownership.

"There's been no heavy lifting today," he said.

Meanwhile, players continued to speak out on Torre's behalf.

"Everyone in this room unani-

mously feels the same way about Mr. Torre," Phillips said. "We all love him. We all appreciate what he's given us. We appreciate the confidence he's had in us all year."

After Monday night's loss, Torre's voice trembled a bit when he described how proud he was of his players for digging out of a 21-29 hole to reach the postseason.

"We were dead to the water in a lot of people's eyes," Phillips said. "He kept telling us to keep just playing every day and don't look at numbers."

Girardi, a former Yankees catcher, spent a season as Torre's bench coach before winning 2006 NL Manager of the Year for keeping the rookie-laden Florida Marlins in contention most of the way.

Mattingly, a fan favorite and ex-Yankees captain, was Torre's bench coach this year after previously serving as the team's hitting instructor.

"There is no fall guy. We win and lose as an organization," Cashman said. "There will be no scapegoats, there will be no finger pointing. Whatever we did, we did together."

Torre was not at Yankee Stadium, and the team asked the media to remove photographers outside his house in suburban Harrison. Cashman and Mattingly spoke with Torre by telephone.

"I'd like to see him come back," Yankees pitching coach Ron Guidry said. "He understands the game, but he has an innate ability to keep a team together. Because

where we were in May, a lot of teams might have quit."

Guidry could envision working for a replacement, though.

"If someone else comes in here and we're asked to, if I'm asked to stay, yes, I'd love to come back next year," he said.

Torre led New York to four World Series titles from 1996-2000 in his first five years as manager but none since. The Yankees extended their season by overcoming a three-run deficit Sunday to win Game 3 against Cleveland. But they couldn't do it again in Game 4, knocked out despite a \$215 million payroll.

"This has been a great 12 years. Whatever the hell happens from here on out, I'll look back on these 12 years with great, great pleasure," Torre said Monday night. "The 12 years just felt like they were 10 minutes long, to be honest with you."

With Steinbrenner in attendance, a cheering crowd chanted "Joe Torre! Joe Torre!" as the manager went to the mound twice in the eighth inning.

Second to Joe McCarthy on the club's career wins list with a 1,173-767 regular-season record as Yankees manager, Torre was almost always loyal, turning to his most trusted players in crucial situations.

Those players might have just gotten him fired.

"I couldn't imagine what he's going through right now, as far as emotions," Andy Pettitte said.

Earning \$7.5 million this year in

the final season of his contract, the 67-year-old Torre hasn't decided whether he'd want to return. He seemed open to it in recent weeks. Now it looks as if he won't get that chance, even though he is 76-47 in the postseason with New York.

"I've talked to Joe actually a lot this year, just never on the field because people don't want to see that," said Francona, Boston's manager. "People who know me know the respect I have for Joe."

The Yankees were the only first-round playoff loser that wasn't swept. Rest assured that's no consolation to Steinbrenner.

"It's not Joe's fault," Alex Rodriguez said. "We've got the most prepared coaching staff and the best manager in the game. It's on us, the players."

In his office at Yankee Stadium, Cleveland manager Eric Wedge got a congratulatory phone call from Torre after Monday night's game.

"He's a class act," Wedge said. "For him to even think about our team and our organization ... it meant the world to me. He's one of the greatest managers in the history of the game. What he has accomplished is historic, and beyond that he's a great human being."

"For him to even throw one thought our way is pretty special and for him to respect our club means so much," he added. "Joe Torre should manage as long as he wants to manage."

Memphis murder charges

Woody Baird
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A fourth man was charged with murder in the shooting of a football player on the University of Memphis campus during a botched robbery, authorities said.

Devin Jefferson, a 20-year-old student at the school, was arrested Monday night on allegations he told three other men the player was carrying a large amount of cash.

Authorities said Taylor Bradford, 21, was rumored to have won more than \$3,000 at a nearby casino the night before police found him Sept. 30 in his car, which had crashed into a tree a few blocks from his campus apartment.

Jefferson was charged with first-degree murder in the perpetration of aggravated attempted robbery, Sgt. Vince Higgins said. It was unclear Tuesday if Jefferson has an attorney.

“Mr. Jefferson was the instigator of the robbery attempt,” Higgins said. “Jefferson was the mastermind, but we had to build a case before we could arrest him.”

The Memphis men, who were charged earlier Monday and are not students at the university, were identified as DaeShawn Tate, 21; Victor Trezevant, 21; and Courtney Washington, 22. Tate and Trezevant were being held on \$1 million bond each, while Washington was held on \$1.2 million bond.

Basking in the sun



A class enjoys the unseasonably warm temperatures Tuesday afternoon outside Turner Hall. The high on Tuesday reached 72.

Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Chicago police unit criticized for corruption

Don Babwin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Police Department will disband an elite drug and gang unit under state and federal investigation for allegations ranging from armed violence and home invasion to

kidnapping and plotting a murder-for-hire, officials said Tuesday.

“The recent incidents involving officer misconduct have been disheartening and demoralizing, especially to the officers who serve this department honorably every single day,” said interim Police Superintendent Dana Starks.

Seven members of the Special Operations Section have been charged with belonging to a rogue band of officers who used their badges to shake down resi-

dents and intimidate people. All have pleaded not guilty.

One of those officers, Jerome Finnigan, was charged two weeks ago with plotting to hire someone to murder another member of the unit to keep him from talking to the government.

Starks said the SOS will be reorganized and all specialized units — including SWAT teams, the helicopter unit and mounted patrol — will be organized under one unit and closely supervised.

Starks said more officers will be assigned to an internal affairs

division to monitor citizens’ complaints more closely and to make unannounced audits at districts.

Also last month, three members of the unit were stripped of their badges and assigned to desk work after surveillance camera video at a bar contradicted officers’ versions of a search and arrests there.

Officers said in a police report that they searched Reymundo Martinez outside the bar in March 2004 because he was drinking on a public street, and arrested him when they found a plastic bag of cocaine sticking out of his sleeve.

But video from inside and outside the bar, obtained by the Chicago Tribune, showed more than two dozen SOS members raiding the bar and searching everyone, and showed them arresting Martinez inside.

Since July 2006, when special prosecutors released a study that determined police beat, kicked and shocked black suspects in the 1970s and 1980s to get confessions, there have been a series of embarrassing incidents involving officers.

In March, department veteran Anthony Abbate was charged with beating a female bartender after a surveillance camera video of the incident was shown around the world.

Allegations soon followed that another group of off-duty officers beat up four businessmen in a bar — an incident that led to charges against three of them. Abbate and the other officers have all pleaded not guilty.

Amid the controversy, Police Superintendent Phil Cline announced his retirement. Just days ago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. said he would spend a night in a South Side public housing complex after hearing complaints about police harassment.



Invitation to An Open House

The campus community is cordially invited to an Open House at UM’s International House on Friday, Oct. 12, from 4 to 6 pm to celebrate its recent renovations to make it accessible. Location: 659 So. 5th East St. (across from the Adams Center parking lot).

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Speaker says fiscal reform should be top priority

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Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office David Walker painted a grim picture of America's economic future Tuesday night, citing health care among the most dire of issues.

"If there's anything that can bankrupt America, it's health care," Walker said.

In his speech entitled "Keeping America Great," the second

installment of the President's Lecture Series, Walker elaborated on America's impending fiscal crisis. He said irresponsible spending on the federal level, a crippled Social Security system, and failed health care policies had created a "tsunami of spending that could swamp our state."

Walker discussed the importance of health care reform in America, saying inadequate funding, catastrophic obesity rates, and the fact that the U.S. has the highest population with-

out health insurance in the world, amounts to a system in much need of repair.

"Our health care system is badly broken," Walker said.

Walker presented a short list of possible solutions to the health care problem, including providing a universal access health care system to all Americans, limiting federal spending on health care, and taking steps to ensure that Americans have more personal responsibility for their own health.

He emphasized the oncoming Social Security crisis that he said will cause long range deficits as the baby boomer generation prepares to retire, mentioning that the first of boomers will be eligible to redeem retirement benefits from Social Security on Jan 1, 2008, fewer than three months from now. The drain on the federal budget, he said, will be "something we've never seen before in the history of this country."

"America faces decades of

escalating red ink," Walker said.

Walker called upon the audience to become more vocal and aware of fiscal issues as the 2008 presidential election approaches, and suggested that if the final candidates place fiscal reform among their top three priorities as president, America may yet have a chance at saving itself from financial ruin.

"You will pay the price and you will bear the burden if your elected officials fail to act," Walker said.

Migraine pill helps some alcoholics reduce drinking

Carla K. Johnson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO – A migraine pill seems to help alcoholics taper off their drinking without detox treatment, researchers report, offering a potential option for a hard-to-treat disease.

The drug, Topamax, works in a different way than three other medications already approved for treating alcoholism.

Experts said the drug is likely to appeal to heavy drinkers who would rather seek help from their own doctors, rather than enter a rehab clinic to dry out. The drug costs at least \$350 a month, plus the price of doctor's visits.

But side effects are a problem, and it's unclear whether the findings will make a dent in an addiction that affects millions of Americans.

Addiction specialists not involved in the study said the findings are promising, although side effects such as trouble concentrating, tingling and itching caused about one in five people to drop out of the study. Drowsiness and dizziness are also problems.

"The size of the treatment effect is larger than in most of the other medications we've seen," said Dr. Mark Willenbring of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "And all the drinking variables changed in the right

direction."

The study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, was funded by the maker of the drug, Johnson & Johnson Inc.'s Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. The researchers also reported financial ties to the company. Ortho-McNeil reviewed the manuscript, but did not change the results or interpretation, the researchers reported.

The study followed 371 heavy drinkers for 14 weeks. About half were randomly assigned to take Topamax, also called topiramate, in gradually increasing doses. The others took dummy pills.

All volunteers were encouraged – but not required – to stop drink-

ing.

At the start of the study, they drank, on average, 11 standard drinks daily. That's about two six-packs of beer each day, or two bottles of wine, or a pint of hard liquor.

By the end of the study, 27 of the 183 people, or 15 percent, who took Topamax had quit drinking

entirely for seven weeks or more. That compared to six out of 188, or 3 percent, in the placebo group.

Others cut back. The Topamax group cut back to six drinks a day, on average, assuming everyone who dropped out of the study relapsed into heavy drinking. That compared to seven drinks a day for the placebo group.

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Black pastors vow to step up AIDS fight

Deepti Hajela
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NEW YORK – Black ministers called on the federal government Tuesday to declare HIV/AIDS among blacks a public health emergency and proposed legislation to address the disease in their community. Almost half of all new HIV diagnoses are among blacks.

Black men were diagnosed with the disease at a rate eight times that of white men, while black women were diagnosed at a rate almost 23 times that of white women, according to 2005 figures, the most recent available, from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The church leaders also pledged to promote HIV/AIDS

testing and awareness among their congregations. “Just as African-American clergy fervently came together 50 years ago to fight for civil rights, we are banding together today to bring an end to HIV/AIDS and its potential to obliterate our community,” said Bishop T.D. Jakes, leader of the Dallas megachurch, The Potter’s House. Jakes spoke at a two-day conference of black clergy organized by the National

Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. The event drew more than 150 members of the clergy, politicians and medical professionals. Ministers pledged to work with the Congressional Black Caucus on proposed legislation titled the National HIV/AIDS Elimination Act they hope to introduce in Congress as early as January. The act asks the president to declare HIV/AIDS among blacks a public health emer-

gency, a declaration that would trigger the use of certain funds and resources against the disease, said Commission President Debra Fraser-Howze. Many conservative churchgoers are put off by the disease’s association with gays, but Jakes said the emphasis needs to be on saving lives, not theological debates about homosexuality. “Our focus right now is saving lives,” he said. “Tomorrow we can save souls.”

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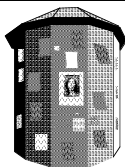
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